

Early Intervention Program

Program Description:

This program provides an initial public health assessment by a Public Health Nurse (PHN) and provides case management services for twelve to twenty two families per month as the PHN caseload. Case management includes teaching CPS referred families at risk for abuse about safety, appropriate growth and development, expectations during family visits, how to access medical care, development of service plans, developmental testing, information and referral to other public health services. Services can be provided for 90 days to 18 months, depending on the needs of the client or family. The program's purpose is preventative in nature by referring to services that enable proactive approaches to health maintenance. This program is funded by a contract with the Department of Social and Health Services to serve the high risk families at the lower end of the CPS high risk scale.

Delivery Measures:

- **52 families served**
- **91 children impacted**
- **215 home visits**



Notes & Updates:

Staff received annual training in the field of child abuse and neglect through the Children's Justice Conference in Seattle. Staff participated weekly as a member of the child protective service team, reviewing cases of children removed from the home for abuse or neglect continued. An excellent working relationship has developed with the child protective team and community support services. Relationships with many community partners, expands the resources available to help families.

Challenges:

A few cases have required more frequent visits and interventions. Identifying a family's continued intervention needs and having the flexibility to continue to work with the family is a big plus of this program.

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